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Claims 61-78 are narrower than patent claims 1-13 of US patent No. 5,883,732 to Takada et al because Claim 61 of the present application recites "the curvatures in the main and sub-scanning directions are rotationally non-symmetrical with respect to the optical axis" (claim 61, last two lines) and Takada et al patent claim 1 discloses "the curvatures in the main and sub-scanning directions are non-symmetrical with respect to the optical axis" (patent claim 1, last three lines). There is no recitation of "rotationally" in the patent claim 1. Thus, there are no interferences between application claims and the patent claims.

Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to present his arguments with respect to the examiner's position. THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

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